yesterday, has not been touched, nor is it sought to be touched by the present Regulation at all. That section stands as it is. There was a suggestion from the Trichur Municipality that they found some difficulty in farming the fees collections of their cart stands out and their idea was not to rent them out at all. In order that they may be compensated, they suggested that the maximum rates of the tax for the carts as also of rikshaws and other vehicles may be raised. Even by raising the maximum rates no Municipality is bound to levy the maximum rates. Now, as it stands, it may be open to any Municipality to farm out the fees, so far as these cart-stands are concerned, and not to collect the maximum rate that is provided in the Regulation. Though the Regulation provides Rs. 2—8—0 for every cart kept in the Municipality, they need not levy the maximum rate and are at perfect liberty to fix their own rates. It may be 8 annas or Re. 1. It is perfectly optional for the Municipality to levy any rent or fees for the cart-stands that may have been constructed out of its funds. So that the amended Regulation does not take away the right of any Municipality with reference to this matter. (*Hear, hear.*) Section 155 has not been touched. The mere fact that the maximum rate has been raised to Rs. 2—8—0 does not *ipso facto* mean that any Municipality is bound to levy that tax. It does not mean that. The Trichur Municipality made a suggestion and in order that the Regulation may enable them to compensate for the loss that they may suffer in not farming out the stands, this suggestion was accepted. It is open to any other Municipality to farm these stands or not, so far as this matter is concerned without affecting the rent. It will be perfectly at their disposal, as it is even now.

Motion put and carried.

Cochin Irrigation Bill.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I move that the Cochin Irrigation Bill be read in Council.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is 'the Cochin Irrigation Bill.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I request that the Bill may be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:

Chief Engineer, the Registrar of Panchayats, Mr. Paul Mampilli from Kanayannur, Mr. Seethi from Cranganur, myself from Mukundapuram, Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan from Trichur, Mr. T. K. Nayar and Dr. A. R. Menon from Talap-

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palli, Mr. A. Eachara Menon from Chittur and the Jenmi Member,

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrlar.—I second it.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—I also propose the name of the Diwan Peishkar as a Member of the Committee.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—As I have a lot of work to do, I may not be able to give that personal attention that the subject deserves. I was asked by the Hon'ble Member himself. My services would be at their disposal at any time. The difficulty is I have a lot of work.

President.—If the Hon'ble Member's name is put, he has to serve in it Do you accept the addition?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Very gladly, Sir

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I may be kindly exempted.

President.—You cannot be exempted.

Motion put and carried.

President.—I nominate the Revenue Member as the Chairman.

The Cochin Nambudiri Bill.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—I move that the Cochin Nambudiri Bill be read in Council.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—I second it.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I oppose it.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—In the report of the Age of Consent Committee.....

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—One word, Sir. All the business may be transacted in Malayalam. There is a general understanding among us and among the outside public that the whole proceedings with reference to this bill may be transacted in Malayalam. That is only a suggestion as the Leader of the House.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That is a good idea. I also agree.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—I am glad to accept it. But I have prepared my speech in English.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—On a point of information. There is an understanding that if there is no opposition for the introduction of the Bill, there is no necessity for an explanatory speech.

President.—Mr. Krishna Menon opposed it.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Sir, in the report of the Age of Consent Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly in British India, they have stated, on dealing with social legislation, that it is only the silent pressure of the example of British India that should force Indian States, to come into a line on the subject and enact similar laws. But in

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